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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO PORTUGUESE COUP

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BELGIAN PRESS GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO COUP, WHICH WAS
LEAD STORY IN ALL NEWSPAPERS. COMMENTARY FOLLOWED
POLITICAL ORIENTATION OF INDIVIDUAL PAPERS. NO
DIRECT ACCUSATIONS OF US OR CIA INVOLVEMENT.
CARVALHO STATEMENT ON AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI'S SECURITY
AND US DENIAL OF INVOLVEMENT WIDELY NOTED. MOST
OBJECTIVE COMMENTATORS SEE EVEN GREATER ROLE FOR
ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT, LESS SIGNIFICANCE FOR APRIL 12
ELECTIONS AND CONCLUDE THAT COUP WAS A BIG PLUS FOR
LEFTIST PARTIES AND LEFTISTS WITHIN AFM. SOME
PAPERS QUESTION WHETHER DEMOCRACY IS POSSIBLE IN
PORTUGAL UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES AND FORESEE
JUNTA REMAINING IN POWER FOR YEARS. COMMUNIST
PRESS NOTES WITH "I TOLD YOU SO" ATTITUDE THAT THEIR
CLAIM THAT DANGER TO PORTUGUESE DEMOCRACY IS FROM THE
RIGHT HAS NOW BEEN PROVEN. FIRESTONE

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